

## Families Together in NYS (FTNYS)

Position: The Statewide Youth Engagement Specialist (SYES) position is a grant-funded Youth Peer Role that requires an understanding of the concepts of institutional and structural challenges and its impact on youth and young adults with lived experience in any child serving system. The youth engagement specialist must demonstrate effective youth/young adult leadership and engagement including connecting local youth groups, coordinating statewide youth/young adult advocacy efforts, and provide technical assistance and training on youth/young adult empowerment, youth-guided practice, and youth peer services. Primary responsibilities of this position include, but are not limited to:

- Help develop and co-facilitate trainings and toolkits, educating youth, adults and peer support workforce.
- Coordinate the gathering of youth input for FTNYS, State Agencies, and other partners - identify youth and young adults to serve on committees/councils/task forces -provide Technical Assistance to Youth programs across the state
- Providing training for young people on advocacy, leadership and peer mentoring to empower youth to engage in civic affairs.
- Creation of regional networks of Youth Advocates and connecting them to local advocacy campaigns, committees, coalitions, etc...
- Network and recruit youth for the Youth Advisory Board of youth and young adults with emotional and behavioral health needs who are receiving or have received mental health treatment and support services within a child-serving system
- Reporting feedback to state agencies like OMH and OCFS as needed with guidance of Director of Youth Power!
- Contributing to the Website content, the FTNYS Newsletter, writing and editing articles, developing podcasts, & presentations
- Work with the FTNYS Workforce Development team to Train and Educate Youth; Edit and contribute to create resources, such as trainings, documents, tools and toolkits, both physical and digital, mirroring the cultural and language needs of various NYS youth populations.
- Create and hosts events, such as a youth forum, in each region, at least annually, to empower youth advocacy skills and gain input and insight into current issues for youth
- Network statewide to bring the voice of youth in NY to the state government and serve on statewide committees/councils/task forces as a representative of Families Together in NYS, Youth Power
- Other duties as assigned

Location: The FTNYS main office is in Albany, but as a statewide position, the location is flexible  
STATUS: Full-time, salary employee

Compensation: \$

Qualifications

- Have personal lived experience and involvement in one or more child-serving systems, including Mental Health, Disability, Foster Care, Addiction, or Juvenile Justice, etc.
- Bachelor's or Associates Degree preferred but not required
- Experience in promoting, creating, or participating in youth-led initiatives.
- Experience in grassroots outreach and systems advocacy.
- Ability to cultivate and develop inclusive and equitable working relationships with youth, youth-serving organizations, and community members
- Must be able to travel across the state
- Have the ability to telecommute.

Knowledge/experience:

- Independently motivated; Excellent coordination and organization skills;
- experience with youth leadership and advocacy;
- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to engage with diverse groups; Demonstrated ability to speak with small and large groups of people;
- Experience with various software packages: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Go-To, Zoom, WordPress

Application Process: Applicants must send a resume with a formal cover letter by noon December 15, 2023 to be considered.

Job Type:

- Full-time Benefits:
- Dental Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Employee Assistance Program
- Flexible Spending Account
- Health Insurance
- Paid Time Off
- Retirement Plan
- Vision Insurance

Schedule: Monday to Friday

Experience: relevant 1 year (Preferred)

Education- Bachelor (Preferred)

Work Location: Multiple locations Hours: Average of 35-40 hours per week with flexible schedule based on events and demands

Pay Frequency: Biweekly or Twice monthly

This Job Is: A job for which people with disabilities are encouraged to apply Company's website:

[www.ftnys.org](http://www.ftnys.org)

Work Remotely: Hybrid/Yes

How to apply: Applicants must send a resume with a formal cover letter to

[employment@ftnys.org](mailto:employment@ftnys.org) in order to be considered.